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1. Output of VEB Schwermaschinenbau Ernst Thaelmann, Thaelmann-Werk-Strasse 7-15, Magdeburg, during October 1955:

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- a. Cranes. About 13,000 tons of structural steel was received for the quarter. The following were built:
- (1) 80 winches, carrying capacity 200-250 kg.
  - (2) 6 moveable cranes, carrying capacity 1,500 kg.
  - (3) 2 ceiling crab cranes (Deckenlaufkraene), carrying capacity 3,000 kg.
- b. Agricultural implements. The material received for the quarter was about 10,000 tons of structural steel. The following were manufactured:

- (1) 300 ordinary ploughs.
- (2) 460 harrows.

- c. Repairs. The material received for the quarter was about 6,000 tons of structural steel. Repairs were made to:

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- (1) 100 ploughs.
- (2) 1,000 harrows.

- d. Repairs to Tanks. Fourteen T34 tanks arrived for repairs; of these nine came from Schwerin and four belonged to the tank brigade in Dessau. One tank was sent to be broken up at the Soltke<sup>1</sup> steelworks.

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All repairs consisted of work on turrets and tracks.

- e. Special Order. A dredging crane for removing large amounts of soil has been commissioned for Hungary. For this work, 6,000 tons of structural steel have already been ordered.

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2. Personnel. The Magdeburg plant employs 5,700 men who work three shifts, Sundays and holidays included.
3. Shops.
  - a. Crane construction, lifting gear, and trucks for narrow gauge railways.
  - b. Agricultural implements.
  - c. Repairs for USSR.
  - d. Foundry and rolling mill.
  - e. Tank repairs for USSR Army.

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